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**AIR DISTRICT OFFERS GRANTS FOR CLEANER
HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT**

Victorville – The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District is now accepting proposals from local businesses for up to \$824,000 in grants for projects that reduce smog-forming emissions from heavy-duty vehicles and other mobile diesel equipment operated in the High Desert portion of San Bernardino County and Riverside County's Palo Verde Valley.

Small on-road fleets (limited funding), off-road compression ignited engines, off-road large spark ignited engines, agricultural irrigation pumps and locomotives are eligible for repower or retrofit through the Carl Moyer Program. Under the state program, monies are disbursed to local entities via participating air districts to fund the incrementally higher cost of cleaner, heavy duty vehicles and equipment with emissions below applicable state and federal standards. For example, a company may be able to purchase a new truck that meets minimum state emission standards for \$200,000 or buy a lower emission truck for \$225,000. The offsetting cost (\$25,000) necessary to purchase the lower emission truck is eligible for funding through the Moyer Program.

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Proposals will be accepted through October 20, 2009 at 5:00P.M. Should available funding remain after the deadline, applications will continue to be accepted, on a first come, first served basis. To obtain a Call for Projects package, or for more information, contact the MDAQMD at (760) 245-1661, ext. 5706, or visit the MDAQMD's website at www.mdaqmd.ca.gov.

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